

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 10, 13, 14, 16, 20, 22-29 and 33-67 is acknowledged with appreciation. Claim 5 is hereby canceled. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-67 are presented for further examination.

Applicants respectfully disagree that the subject matter of claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 30-32 would be obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art in view of claims 1-19 of co-pending application no. 10/837,755. Nevertheless, in an effort to advance prosecution, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection over co-pending application no. 10/837,755 are respectfully requested.

The rejections of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, have been rendered moot by cancellation of the involved claim.

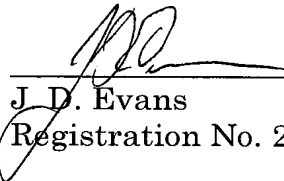
The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the examination of the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 029310.50986).

Respectfully submitted,

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